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In the matter of:	)	Docket No. 09-OII-1
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Order Instituting Informational Proceeding	)	NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	)	RE: Revisions to Program
_____	)	Guidelines

## Notice to Consider Adoption of Revisions to California State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Guidelines

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) will hold a regularly scheduled Business Meeting on:

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010**  
10 a.m.  
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION  
1516 Ninth Street  
First Floor, Hearing Room A  
Sacramento, California  
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Note: Audio from this meeting will be broadcast over the Internet using our WebEx Internet Conferencing System. For details on how to access the meeting electronically, please see the meeting agenda that will be posted online at:

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will be posted before the meeting date.

As part of the May 12, 2010, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the *California State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Guidelines (Guidelines)*. These *Guidelines* were developed to help implement and administer rebates for qualifying appliances under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has allocated to the Energy Commission \$35.2 million in ARRA funds to implement a State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program for California that will provide rebates to encourage the replacement of inefficient residential appliances with new energy efficient residential appliances. The *Guidelines* establish the eligibility and procedural

requirements to qualify for rebates for the purchase of eligible residential appliances. The *Guidelines* were originally adopted by the Energy Commission on December 16, 2009, and were subsequently amended on March 24, 2010.

At the direction of the Energy Commission's Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Stimulus Programs (Committee), proposed revisions have been made to the *Guidelines* to update the list of eligible appliance models that may qualify for rebates. Under the current *Guidelines*, only appliance models that have been shown to meet the appliance eligibility criteria by March 15, 2010 may qualify for rebates. Under the proposed revisions, the list of eligible appliance models will be updated on a weekly basis to include additional appliance models that have been shown to meet the eligibility criteria for the program. The weekly updates to the list of eligible appliance models will begin once the proposed revisions are adopted by the Energy Commission.

The March 15, 2010 eligibility date was originally selected to provide consumers, retailers, and manufacturers with certainty on the list of eligible appliance models, so that these program participants could gear up in anticipation of the April 22, 2010 program launch date. However, on April 21, 2010, the DOE released an updated list of appliance models that meet *Energy Star* rating standards. Many of the appliance models on this list may be able to meet the appliance eligibility criteria for the program. The proposed revisions to the *Guidelines* would allow the list of eligible appliance models to be expanded to provide program participants with more options to qualify for rebates.

The proposed revisions are made to Section 5.b. on page 4 of the *Guidelines* and are shown in Attachment 1 of this notice.

The Committee recommends that the proposed revisions be adopted by the Energy Commission.

## Written Comments

Written comments on the proposed revisions to *Guidelines* should be submitted by 5 p.m. on May 6, 2010. Please include the docket number (09-OII-1) and indicate ARRA-SEEARP in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand-deliver or mail an original and 11 paper copies to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 09-OII-1  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) to [[docket@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us)]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Office.

All written comments related to the *Guidelines* will be filed with the Dockets Office and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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Date: April 22, 2010

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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## Attachment 1

- Benefits of recycling and availability of retailer exchanges/pick-up.
- Ability for replacement/early retirement of appliance to result in multiple and indirect benefits, including environmental benefits and energy savings.

### b. Appliance Eligibility Criteria

Appliance models that fall within the eligible appliance categories listed above (clothes washers, refrigerators, and room air conditions) must also meet the following criteria in order to be included in California's SEEARP:

- Must be listed on the ENERGY STAR® website<sup>1</sup>.
- Must be certified to the Energy Commission.
- Must comply with the efficiency criteria listed in Table 1, below.

Only those appliance models that have been shown to meet the specified program criteria with the submission of necessary information ~~by March 15, 2010 to the Energy Commission~~ will be qualified for a California SEEARP rebate within the rebate offer period. The official list of qualifying models for California's SEEARP will be published by the Energy Commission on March 18, 2010, and updated on a weekly basis starting May 12, 2010. The official list of qualifying models will be published on the Energy Commission's website at: [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/energystar.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/energystar.html) and the [www.cash4appliances.org](http://www.cash4appliances.org) website. ~~In the event of an extension of the rebate offer period or a subsequent rebate offer period, the list of eligible appliances may be updated and a notice of the updated list provided on the Cash for Appliances website: [www.cash4appliances.org](http://www.cash4appliances.org).~~

Table 1

<u>Appliance</u>	<u>Rebate</u>	<u>Energy Efficiency Criteria</u>
Clothes Washers	\$100	CEE Tier 2 or greater <sup>2</sup> - modified energy factor $\geq 2.0$ , water factor $\leq 6.0$
Refrigerators	\$200	CEE Tier 2 or greater <sup>3</sup> - efficiency levels 25 percent or more above the federal standard
Room Air Conditioners	\$50	No additional CEE criteria.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=appliances.pr\\_appliances](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=appliances.pr_appliances)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.cee1.org/resid/seha/rwsh/reswash\\_specs.pdf](http://www.cee1.org/resid/seha/rwsh/reswash_specs.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.cee1.org/resid/seha/refrig/refrig-spec.pdf>

